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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week's trading were trending unchanged in the West, but higher in the East and Midwest when compared to early week's values. Trade sentiment was steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was in a full range with increased activity expected over the weekend. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to short of full trade needs. Floor stocks were mixed. Processing schedules for next week were mostly reduced with most plants down Tuesday for New Year's Day. In the parts structure, demand was moderate to good for end of the week trading. Breast items and wings were in balance to tight and moving well. Dark meat was mixed, but overall no more than adequate to short. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.



PRELIMINARY REPORT Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 31-DEC-2007 (cents per lb)

US Grade A

(Including branded product)

Areas	Majority	Range	Wtd Avg	Loads
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	66.00-69.00	58.00-79.75	69.46	28
New York	69.00-72.00			
Los Angeles	84.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	75.00-77.00	60.00-79.00	75.50	84
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GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is **76.75** cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT PRELIM. WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD AVG
872	75.70 - 78.50	76.71
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed PRELIMINARY weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	159.00	1,073
BREASTS - B/S	132.00	4,787
BREASTS - WHOLE	75.50	992
THIGH MEAT - B/S	118.00	986
LEG QUARTERS	41.50	7,478
WINGS	111.00	2,330

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderately good as traders purchase for weekend needs. Offerings of most sizes were in good balance to well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally good. The market tone was mostly firm to steady. In the parts complex, breasts items and wings remain firm and clearing satisfactorily. Tenders were well cleared and generally held with confidence. Drumsticks and thighs were reported as barely adequate to adequate, other dark meat items were usually sufficient for immediate requirements.

MIDWEST REGION The preliminary majority price for next week's delivery into Chicago was 3 cents higher than last week's final majority price. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to firm. Offers from processors were limited for the fairly active buyer's needs. Retail and food service demand in a full range, light to instances good with fairly good activity anticipated for the holiday weekend. Floor stocks were mixed, short to instances long. Sizes mostly desirable. Supplies of boneless dark meat tight, close to barely adequate on boneless skinless breast and wings with the balance of parts items adequate to barely adequate. The trade sentiment was steady to firm all other parts.

WESTERN REGION Preliminary majorities were unchanged. The market tone on whole broiler fryers was steady to fully steady and steady to firm on WOGs. Retail demand was light to moderate with no noticeable increase noted for first of the month business. Foodservice demand was moderate to good with increased activity noted for first of the month and the upcoming holiday. Weights mostly desirable. Floor stocks light to mostly adequate. The market tone on parts and boneless items was steady to firm with boneless skinless breasts and wings strongest. Demand light to moderate for the short to adequate offerings.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand into all channels was fair to moderate, best into fast food channels, with optimism for next week's first of the month. Supplies of all sizes were balanced to short of full trade needs. Processing schedules for next week are part-time with many plants down next Tuesday for New Year's Day, however, some locations will run tomorrow. In the parts structure, movement was fair to fairly good entering the weekend. Wings were sufficient and moving satisfactorily. Breast items were in good supply to tight, and dark meat was adequate to close balanced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally good for late week business. Offerings were only about adequate and clearing for immediate trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were usually desirable. Processing schedules were moderately heavy to very heavy due in part to weekend processing. Less than trucklot asking prices were 71 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, offerings were well cleared to short on wings and most white meat items. Drumsticks were reported in a close position, balance of dark meat items were usually adequate but moving.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FORM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	64-86
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	12/24/07-12/28/07 (A)
	12/25/06-12/29/06 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	12/24/07-12/28/07 (A)
	12/25/06-12/29/06 (A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS). TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME. CENTS PER POUND.

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ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	622	114.00-192.00	-	126.11
TENDERLOINS	233	107.00-185.00	-	121.74
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	452	35.00-42.00	37-38	38.28
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	657	38.00-45.00	39-41	40.13
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	95.00-114.00	-	107.34
WINGS (CUT)	100	115.00-121.00	-	118.90
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	100	104.00-117.00	-	107.20

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING
FOR Dec 27, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
44.00 - 52.00	48.64

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

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ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY (000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	612	114.00-192.00	-	126.46	1,856	124.57
TENDERLOINS	171	109.00-175.00	-	119.09	560	118.94
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			240	74.55
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			185	58.19
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			455	62.45
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	477	36.00-42.00	37-38	38.22	1,456	38.18
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	862	38.00-45.00	40-41	40.66	1,901	40.50
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	101.00-115.00	107-110	108.68	903	107.71
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			295	119.07
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			198	57.41
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			60	55.12
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			308	108.00

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING
FOR Dec 28, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
45.00 - 52.00	48.11	48.17

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was moderate to good with offerings of most items in good balance to well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally active. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings and most white meat items. Drumsticks and thighs were well cleared to short, leg quarters were balanced but moving.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	127.21	543,860
TENDERLOINS	115	109.79	61,040
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	74.87	104,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	68.71	63,000
LEGS	60-61	61.35	144,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	42.21	177,960
DRUMSTICKS	50-51	60.22	52,840
THIGHS	54-55	62.01	61,040
B/S THIGHS	116-117	117.75	58,920
WINGS (WHOLE)	111-112	115.20	162,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.86	29,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.63	4,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	50.89	20,600

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	122.11	371,840	123.91	1,250,410
TENDERLOINS	115	110.28	96,560	110.06	250,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	78.87	45,320	76.06	206,760
BREAST - LINE RUN	69	68.36	113,800	68.47	257,800
LEGS	60-61	64.49	66,480	62.58	283,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	42.45	131,200	42.32	445,600
DRUMSTICKS	51-52	59.28	56,200	60.39	167,676
THIGHS	54-55	59.83	62,520	61.09	177,400
B/S THIGHS	116-117	117.76	26,920	115.62	135,520
WINGS (WHOLE)	112-113	116.63	122,746	116.07	397,106
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.61	13,080	11.19	66,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.25	5,760	36.56	15,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	60.42	15,840	56.10	56,960

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
Alabama	12/28 5,833	12/27 4,299	12/26 3,373	12/25 Holiday 5.69	12/26 Holiday 4,802 5.64
Arkansas	6,573	5,405	5,071	Holiday 5.64	Holiday 5,556 5.40
Delmarva	3,349	2,322	2,053	Holiday 6.00	Holiday 3,165 5.88
KY-LA-TN	3,112	2,475	2,262	Holiday 5.31	Holiday 2,658 5.10
Mississippi	4,691	3,146	2,798	Holiday 5.96	Holiday 3,791 5.62
North Carolina	4,601	2,992	2,579	Holiday 7.21	Holiday 4,065 7.14
Texas	2,924	2,604	2,585	Holiday 5.21	Holiday 2,585 5.20
Total	31,083	23,243	20,721	0 5.83	0.00 26,622 5.69
Mon-Fri	82,957 (A)				115,997 (A)
Saturday	8,254	(included in total for date shown)			5,027

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Dec-07 and 29-Dec-07 is estimated to be 46,504,000 head up 16.41 percent from a week ago and up 9.64 percent from a year ago. (Last week 39,949,000, last year 42,417,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 29-Dec-07 is estimated to be 123,354,000 head down 29.27 percent from a week ago, and down 7.85 percent from a year ago. (Last week 174,400,000, last year 133,860,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	94-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	67-78
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
BROILER/FRYER 2# & OVER	ICE PACK 126
	DRY PACK 112
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 130
	DRY PACK 109
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 109
	DRY PACK 105
DUCKS	204-207

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 22-DEC-2007 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary)

	-----Thousands-----				
	A	B	C	D	
	4.25 lbs	4.26 -	6.26 -	7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total
Head	49,389	83,920	24,047	17,044	174,400
Avg Live Wgt	3.73	5.45	6.92	8.34	5.45
% of total /1	28%	48%	14%	10%	100%

Comparisons

Last week	44,399	82,551	24,891	16,615	168,456
Avg Live Wgt	3.88	5.50	6.98	8.49	5.56
% of total /1	26%	49%	15%	10%	100%

Year Ago 2/	41,757	84,148	21,521	12,123	159,549
Avg Live Wgt	3.69	5.37	6.98	8.29	5.37
% of total /1	26%	53%	13%	8%	100%

To date/2007	2,191,468	4,095,402	1,349,226	643,038	8,279,134
To date/2006	2,321,431	4,078,692	1,142,384	674,813	8,217,320

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.

(B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.

(C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.

(D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION(PRELIMINARY) Young Light Heavy Total
W/E 22-DEC-2007 Chickens Hens Hens Hens Ducks

	-----Thousands-----				
Head	174,400	1,475	1,570	3,045	511
Avg Wt	5.45	3.34	7.91	5.70	6.73
Last week	168,456	1,541	1,443	2,984	465
Same wk yr ago	159,549	1,147	1,531	2,678	513
Avg Wt	5.37	3.33	8.02	6.01	6.80
To-date/2007	8,279,134	56,984	74,813	131,797	25,242
To-date/2006	8,217,320	54,666	75,958	130,624	25,559

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 176.5 million head, or 16.9 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/**FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

Week	Million Head	Million Head		Avg
Ending	Slaughtered	Available	Pct	Wt
Nov 17	169.4	160.5	106%	5.51
24	131.1	161.4	81%	5.64
Dec 1	171.1	161.8	106%	5.66
8	171.3	162.1	106%	5.61
15	170.5	163.0	105%	5.56
22	176.5	159.6	111%	5.45
Year to date	8379.4	8404.2	100%	
Dec 29		156.2		
Jan 5		157.0		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal inspection

	-----Thousands-----				
W/E	12/29/07	12/22/07	%CHG	12/30/06	%CHG
Broilers	123,354	174,400 *	-29.27	133,860 *	-7.85
Cattle	483	657	-26	525 *	-08
Hogs	1,774	2,449	-28	1,813 *	-02

*Actual

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

For delivery the week of DEC 24, 2007

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	164-167	168-173
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	136-146	138-148
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	71.00-78.75	73.00-78.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-86.75	78.00-84.00

SQUABS:

NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	62.64-85.05
14 OZ.	69.12-96.39
16 OZ.	74.88-106.73

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS

Prices remained unchanged. The trade sentiment fully steady. Demand was very good. Supplies were barely adequate to tight. Schedules were shortened due to the holiday. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.40, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.60-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.55-.90.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 24-DEC-2007

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	129-156	130-165

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -

**DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY,
THERE ARE NO SALES TO REPORT.****IN ADDITION,
THERE WILL BE NO SALES TO REPORT
THE FOLLOWING WEEK
DUE TO THE NEW YEARS DAY HOLIDAY.**

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading for heavy canners were too few to report; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Supplies of both light and heavy canners were about adequate to adequate for current needs with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was mostly moderate. Processing schedules were reduced due to the Christmas holiday. The undertone was at least steady.

Cents per pound, current negotiations, without freight cost

**LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**
23-30 MAJORITY 27-28

**HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)**
TOO FEW TO REPORT

Cents per pound, current negotiation, freight cost included

**LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**
24-32 MAJORITY 30-31

**HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)**
TOO FEW TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS(INCLUDES HANDLING,FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 (POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was at least moderate for the about adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were reduced due to the Christmas Day holiday. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-12	5-8

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was TFEWR. Demand was light for the at least adequate supplies of spent light fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair at best. Salvage costs were expected to remain steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL Prices were unchanged. Demand was fairly good to instances good with offerings adequate. Schedules currently reduced due to the upcoming holiday. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-10.5	0-5

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

PRELIMINARY PRICE,CENTS PER LB. GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-DEC-07

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was light and TFEWR. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of heavy hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales had slowed. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were reduced slightly due to the New Years Day holiday. Sales of finished product was mostly moderate. The undertone was at least steady .

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCES LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT

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